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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A multi-track recording system, comprising a plurality of indicator lights, each indicator light in said plurality of indicator lights corresponding to a track of the multi-track recording system, each indicator light configured to output a first color and a second color wherein the first color is associated with the output of an input of the corresponding track and the second color is associated with the output of recorded material..
2. (Original) The multi-track recording system of claim 1 wherein each of the plurality of indicator lights is capable of outputting a third color, said third color indicating that a corresponding track is slipped from other tracks in the multi-track recording system..
3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein an alternating blinking sequence between two colors indicates the monitoring of the input of the multi-track recording system.
4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the alternating blinking sequence alternates between the first color and the second color.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently Amended) A method of indicating a track mode of each track in a multi-track recording system comprising the steps of:
determining the track mode of each of the tracks in the multi-track recording system; and
providing at least one indicator light; and
adjusting a color output of the indicator light to correspond to a mode of a corresponding track.

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7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the determining of the track mode of each track includes determining whether an output signal to a plurality of level meters is derived from a recorded signal on a track of a plurality of recorded tracks or whether the output signal is derived from an external source.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 wherein the adjusting of the color of the indicator light includes varying the output of the indicator light ~~varies~~ in color according to the mode of the corresponding track.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 wherein the adjusting of the color output of the indicator light includes alternates ~~alternating~~ color in a blinking sequence according to the mode of the corresponding track.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the track mode determining the color output of the indicator light includes information from a transport mode and a non-transport mode.

11. (Withdrawn) A multi-track recording system comprising:
a plurality of level meters, each of the plurality of level meters corresponding to a track in the multi-track recording system; and
a plurality of indicator lights, each indicator light in the plurality of indicator lights corresponding to ~~one a~~ level meter of the plurality of level meters and configured to indicate a status representing a current stat of the corresponding track of the ~~one a~~ level meter.

12. (Withdrawn) The multi-track recording system of claim 11 wherein each of said indicator lights further comprising:
a first light emitting diode to output a first color;
a second light emitting diode to output a second color; and
a transparent housing enclosing the first light emitting diode and the second light emitting diode.

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13-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method of indicating a track status of a track in a multi-track recording system comprising the steps of:

determining a transport movement of the track in the multi-track recording system;

indicating the transport movement of the track by illuminating a first light emitting diode disposed in a housing;

determining a mode of the track in the multi-track recording system; and

indicating the mode of the track by illuminating a second light emitting diode disposed in the housing in close proximity to the first light emitting diode such that when both the first light emitting diode and the second light emitting diode are activated, a third color is generated.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the first light emitting diode and the second light emitting diode alternate between blinking and solid light so as to generate a multiplicity of track status combinations.

20. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a plurality of recording tracks; and

a display comprising a plurality of single indicator lights, each single indicator light conveying a monitored status of one corresponding track of the plurality of recording tracks, wherein the monitored status indicates both a transport movement and a mode of the one corresponding track.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the monitored status appears as a solid or repeating pattern of a first color, a second color or a third color produced by a chromatic light combination of the first color and the second color.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the transport movement of the track indicates one of a group comprising Play, Reverse Play, Fast Forward, Rewind, Stop, and Record.

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23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the mode of the track indicates one of a group comprising Read Auto Input On, Ready Auto Input Off, Monitor, Slip Channels, Located Edits, Input/Output Gain Adjustment.

24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~24~~25, wherein the first color, the second color and the third color are generated by activating ~~one~~the first LED, ~~the other~~second LED, or a combination of ~~two~~the first and second LEDs positioned in close proximity to one another.

25. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein the single indicator lights include (i) a first light emitting diode (LED) to output the first color, (ii) a second light emitting diode (LED) the second color, and (iii) a transparent housing for the first light emitting diode (LED) and the second light emitting diode (LED).

26. (New) The system of claim 20, wherein the display further comprises a level meter corresponding to each indicator light of the plurality of indicator lights.